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NEW LOCATION FOR THE LIBRARY

After January 15 your library will be officially known as Little Rock Branch instead of Fort Worth Branch. We are moving the Fort Worth Branch of the USDA Library to Little Rock, Arkansas for consolidation with our Sub-Branch Library there. The library will be located on the sixth floor of the Donaghey Building at Seventh and Main.

We shall continue to serve you as we have in the past. For most of you the only change will be simply a change of address. Our new address will be Little Rock Branch, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Library, Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

It is our hope that the library can be of even greater service to you in 1946 than it has been in the past. Give us a chance, and we shall do the best we can to help you.

THE LIBRARY STAFF WISHES YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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AMONG THE NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

AGRICULTURAL PRICE CONTROL, by G. S. Shepherd. Iowa State College Press, 1945. 361p. 284.3 ShmA

In this book Professor Shepherd's main concern is with price supports. He explains the major price-supporting programs which have been undertaken in this country and appraises their effectiveness. The book contains 29 chapters grouped under four headings: (1) stabilizing agricultural prices by controlling the market supplies of farm products; (2) stabilizing agricultural prices by controlling the demand for farm products; (3) local and regional programs for controlling market supply and demands; and (4) the problem of controlling agricultural prices after World War II.

In the final chapter Shepherd sets up eight propositions concerning agricultural price controls which he feels are warranted by his analysis of past experiments.

This book is a valuable contribution to the growing literature on government administered prices of agricultural products. Shepherd's descriptions of past control programs are concise and accurate, and his appraisals of their effects upon farm prices and returns are, I think, essentially correct. One

of the important aspects of agricultural price control which Shepherd does not cover at all adequately, however, is the effects of the various programs upon national income and employment. From a review by H. R. Wellman in the Journal of Farm Economics, November 1945.

ADULT EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY IN FAMILY LIFE, by Mary S. Lyle. Iowa State College Press, 1944. 158p. 275 L98

The author of this book maintains that adult education can make a significant contribution to more truly democratic living through home economics classes. The study is based throughout upon the theory that democratic living must find a place in daily practices of both the home and the school if the underlying philosophy of the democratic way of life is to be preserved. The set of criteria used as the yardstick for measuring democratic living among the 120 families studied suggests to teachers and leaders of adult groups specific ways in which democratic experiencing may be a part of everyday family life. From a review in Practical Home Economics.

FARMERS OF THE WORLD, by Edmund deS. Brunner and others. Columbia University Press, 1945. 208p. 275.2 B33

The primary aim of this book is to discuss the most effective general approach which a government or a private agency can use in helping rural people solve their everyday problems. This approach is commonly called Extension. Considerable space is devoted to specific ways and means of carrying on extension but these are incidental to the primary aim. The basis of discussion throughout is within the democratic framework; namely, that the end of all extension activity is the growth and improvement of the individual rather than the fashioning of automatons who merely obey orders handed down from above.

As the title of the book suggests, the authors deal with agricultural extension in the nonliterate societies of the Pacific Islands, of the peasant societies of China, India, Arabia, the Balkans, Latin America, and of Euro-American society.

HANDBOOK OF PEST CONTROL, by Arnold Mallis. MacNair-Dorland, 1945. - 566p. 423 M292

The sub-title of this book is "The Behavior, Life History, and Control of Household Pests." Some of the pests considered are: rats and mice, silverfish, cockroaches, crickets, termites, dry rot fungi, beetles, bedbugs, clothes moths, ants, bees and wasps, spiders, lice, fleas, flies and mosquitoes, mites, ticks.

SIXTY MILLION JOBS, by Henry A. Wallace. Reynal and Hitchcock, 1945. 216p. 280.12 W152S

"This book is a philosophy of freedom, a declaration of American interdependence, a program for full employment written by one of the great Americans of our time. It shows why sixty million jobs and a two hundred billion dollar annual income by 1950 are essential to preserve our free enterprise system. It shows how these objectives can and must be realized." From book jacket.

WHAT IS FARMING? by G. E. Larson and W. M. Teller. Van Nostrand, 1945. 410p. 313. L32

"Here is a book which spreads out the broad canvas of farming in the United States and Alaska--big farms and little farms--the growing of potatoes, oranges, cotton, corn, cattle, hogs, or whatever--from Maine to California and the Great Lakes to the Gulf. What Is Farming? offers clues to particular lines in farming but it can also help you to see the farm job as a whole and find your way around with less of the error of trial." Originally prepared for the United States Armed Forces Institute and revised and adapted for civilian use.

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SELECTED BOOKS AND BULLETINS

Agronomy

"Depth and Methods of Planting Winter Cover-Crop Seed in Louisiana," by H. B. Brown and others. Louisiana Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. No. 375. 1944. 23p. 100 L93 375

"Results of Tests in 1945 with Hybrid Corn and Corn Varieties in Texas," by J. S. Rogers and others. Texas Agr. Expt. Sta. Progress Report 978. 1945. 3p. 100 T31S 978

Better Buymanship Bulletins

"Cosmetics." "Playthings." "Soap and Other Cleansing Agents."

The three bulletins listed above are in the Household Finance Corporation's Better Buymanship, Use and Care Series. They are 1945 publications.

Children

"Books To Grow On," by Faith Strayer. Okla. Agr. Col. Ext. Cir. 348. 23p. 275.29 Ok41C 348

This is a good discussion of the importance of reading in the lives of children and of the types of books children of various ages like. The books listed were published before 1940.

"Building the Future for Children and Youth." Children's Bureau Publication 310. 59p. 158.21 B86

Steps proposed by the National Commission on Children in Wartime.

"Your Baby," by Floye Flood. Okla. Agr. Col. Ext. Cir. 399. 13p. 275.29 Ok41C

"Your Baby's Clothes," by Ola Armstrong. Okla. Agr. Col. Ext. Cir. 405. 1945. 8p. 275.29 Ok41C 405

Co-operatives

"Making the Most of Your Co-op Annual Meeting," by F. M. Ryre. Farm Credit Administration, November 1945. 28p. 156.2 M68

This circular was designed to offer helpful suggestions to cooperative managers and others who are charged with the responsibility of planning and conducting annual meeting programs. It is directed primarily to the smaller cooperative associations which operate locally and invite the entire membership to the annual meeting.

Economics

"The People's Purse and Full Employment," by P. L. Vogt. 1945. 41p. 280.12 V 86
Contents of this book include discussions of Pre-War Trends, "consumers'

expenditures, Increased food expenditures and agriculture, Increasing purchasing power of farmers, Increasing urban purchasing power, Recommendations, and a conclusion.

AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD ECONOMY, by Alvin H. Hansen. Norton, 1945. 197p.
280 H192A

In speaking of his book, the author said, "This title underscores the fact that world prosperity and world stability depend in no small measure upon (a) the achievement of full employment within the United States, and (b) the active and wholehearted co-operation of the United States in the formation and development of international economic organizations designed to insure the workability of a new world order. This book is addressed to the general intelligent reader. It is intended to help that ever growing and ever more influential group of people, who, despite a good educational background, find a great difficulty in making their way through the intricacies of economic discussions."

Foreign Trade

"What Peace Can Mean To American Farmers: Expansion of Foreign Trade." USDA
Misc. Pub. No. 582. 1945. 21p. 1 Ag84M 582

The third in this series of reports, "What Peace Can Mean To American Farmers."

Frozen Foods

"Storing Foods in Freezer Lockers." Ky. Agr. Col. Ext. Cir. 398. 1945. 20p.
275.29 K415

Suggestions for preparing, packing, freezing, thawing, cooking.

ZERO STORAGE IN YOUR HOME, by Boyden Sparkes. Doubleday, Moran, 1945. 149p.
389.3 Sp2

This book seems to give the answers to most questions you might have on the subject.

Grasses and Grasslands

"The Chemical Composition of Grasses of Northwest Texas As Related to Soils and
To Requirements for Range Cattle," by J. F. Fudge and G. P. Fraps. Texas
Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. No. 669. 1945. 56p. 100 T31S 669

"Juniper Comes to the Grasslands," by K. W. Parker. Reprinted from November 1945
issue of American Cattle Producer. 4p.

Why it invades Southwestern grassland; suggestions on control.

Horticulture

"Cucumber Varieties in the Wichita Valley," by V. I. Woodfin and L. E. Brooks.
Tex. Agr. Expt. Sta. Progress Report 980. 1945. 2p. 100 T31S

"Effect of Ammonium Nitrate As a Fertilizer for Spinach," by H. J. Marcer and
F. B. Cross. Okla. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 288. 1945. 15p. 100 Ok4

"The Influence of Icing Upon Retention of Vitamin C in Vegetables After Harvest,"
by F. R. Brison. Tex. Agr. Expt. Sta. Progress Report 974. 6p. 100 T31S

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"Promising Peach Varieties For North Texas," by U. A. Randolph. Tex. Agr. Expt. Sta. Progress Report 973. 1945. 2p. 100 T31S

"A Soil Packer for Rose Cuttings," by P. R. Johnson. Tex. Agr. Expt. Sta. Progress Report 976. 1p. 1945. 100 T31S

"Tomato Variety Test in the Wichita Valley," by L. E. Brooks and V. I. Woodfin. Tex. Agr. Expt. Sta. Progress Report 975. 1945. 1p. 100 T31S

Housing

"Farm Housing in Southern Oklahoma," by R. T. McMillan. Okla. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 290. 1945. 23p. 100 Ok4

A report of a study of the housing of families living in certain open country areas of southern Oklahoma.

Legislation

"1943-44 Summary of Outstanding Federal and State Legislation Affecting Rural Land Use," compiled by Ruth McQuown. BAE, 1945. 160p. 1.95 B87 70

Public Affairs Pamphlet

"The Refugees Are Now Americans," by M. R. Davie and S. Koenig. Pam. No. 111. 1945. 32p. 280.9 P964

Recreation

"Family Fun and Good Times," Oregon Agr. Col. Ext. HE 1566. 1945. 8p. 275.29 Or323H

SOME AFTERTHOUGHTS!

A B C AND X Y Z OF BEE CULTURE, by A. I. Root and others. A. I. Root Company 1945. 720p. 424 R67A

An encyclopedia pertaining to scientific and practical culture of bees.

"Bank Credit for Soil Conservation," by D. A. Francis. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. 48p.

"Build A Pond With Your Own Farm Power." J. I. Case Co. 1945.

"Domestic Cotton Surplus Disposal Programs," by E. H. Omohundro and others. USDA Misc. Pub. No. 577. 1945. 51p. 1 Ag84M

"The Establishment and Early Management of Sown Pastures." Bulletin 34 of the Imperial Bureau of Pastures and Forage Crops, Aberystwyth, Great Britain. August 1945. 210p.

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